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General Military Information

1. On 15 December 1948, men born in 1928 are to be called up for military service.
2. Men born in 1926 and 1927 are now serving in the ranks of the Albanian Army.
3. The men composing the border guard are paid and trusted members of the Communist Party of Albania. Their monthly salary amounts to 3,000 lek.

Local Military Information

4. In the Leskovik-Korce sectors there are three battalions of border guards. The first battalion is based in Korce, the second in Erseke, and the third in Leskovik.
5. In the large towns near the border in the Leskovik-Korce sectors is based a special military service called Seksion Sigurimi (Security Section). This service is in close contact with the guard-posts along the Albanian border, and it has special agents to collect intelligence from Greece.

Movements in Durres Harbor

6. On 15 September 1948 the Soviet S.S. PUSHKIN arrived in Durres with a cargo of 2,500 tons of wheat and with farm tools. This was in compliance with the provisions of the commercial treaty signed in September between the Soviet Union and Albania.
7. On 22 September 1948 the Rumanian S.S. TRANSYLVANIA arrived in Durres bringing 603 tons of newsprint and many covered cases whose content were unknown.

Ammunition Dumps

9. There is a store of war materiel in the Church of Agios Nikolaos in the village of Liasovo(sic).
10. In the village of Tzarisovo (sic) there are stores of war materiel, clothing, foodstuffs. There is also a military bakery.

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Anti-Aircraft Guns

10. There is an anti-aircraft gun permanently mounted at the place called Koutrolitsa (sic) at Leskovik.

Economic and Industrial Information

11. During September 1948 in Moscow a commercial treaty was signed by the Minister of Foreign Commerce of the Soviet Union Mikoyan and by an Albanian commercial representation consisting of six members led by Tuk Jakova, Minister of Industry and member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Albania. This treaty is for the year 1948; on the basis of it the Soviet Union will send to Albania a large quantity of grain, automobiles, and machinery. A special article of this treaty provides for its renewal for the following year.
12. On the basis of the commercial treaty between the Government of the Soviet Union and Enver Hoxha, which was signed during Hoxha's trip to Moscow in July 1947, the Soviet Union will sell three factories to Albania:
 - a. A sugar refinery with an annual (sic) capacity of 1,000 tons. This factory will be erected near Lake Maliki (sic) near Korce. It will employ about 500 unskilled and skilled workmen. Construction work will begin in March 1949 and is to be completed in 1951. Production is to start in the fall of 1951. Near the refinery will be constructed a housing project for the workers and their families.
 - b. A woolen mill with an annual capacity of 20,000,000 meters of cloth. This will be constructed in Tirana. Construction is to commence about the end of 1950, and production is to begin in 1951.
 - c. A leather factory, also to be erected in Tirana. Construction will begin about the end of 1950, and production is to commence about the end of 1951. A housing project for 4,600 persons is to be erected in Tirana for the workers in the leather factory and the woolen mills.

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